

English Task Cards

WHAT IS IT?



Work out
what the
word means
from the
three options
given

Set 1

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WHAT IS IT?

sadhu

- a) A Hindu holy man
- b) A saddle for a camel
- c) An emotional child

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WHAT IS IT?

azure

- a) An icon of the Aztec tribe
- b) A light purplish blue colour
- c) A deeply painful headache

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WHAT IS IT?

bibliophile

- a) An expert on the bible
- b) A person who has travelled widely
- c) A person who loves or collects books

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WHAT IS IT?

izzard

- a) A small tropical bird
- b) The last letter in the alphabet
- c) An uninvited party guest

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WHAT IS IT?

fez

- a) A tent used in desert areas
- b) A tropical plant
- c) A felt hat, usually red

WHAT IS IT?

nimrod

- a) A type of tropical fish
- b) An ancient writing pen
- c) An expert in hunting

WHAT IS IT?

miasma

- a) Unhealthy vapours rising from the ground
- b) A type of flour used for baking
- c) A strong elastic band

WHAT IS IT?

curlicue

- a) A type of Indian barn
- b) Stick used for measuring curves
- c) A short twisting decorative line

WHAT IS IT?

agate

- a) An impure form of quartz
- b) A rare feather
- c) Specialised electric wire

WHAT IS IT?

moniker

- a) A rare wild marsupial
- b) A person's nickname
- c) A trainee zoo keeper

WHAT IS IT?

glabella

- a) A traditional Italian dance
- b) Green Mexican olive
- c) Flat bone between the eyebrows

WHAT IS IT?

sorbet

- a) Traditional Peruvian skirt
- b) Ice made from fruit juice
- c) A movement in a ballet dance

WHAT IS IT?

moccasin

- a) Coat made from deer skin
- b) Hard soled shoe or slipper
- c) False reporting of an incident

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WHAT IS IT?

bough

- a) Genuflect to honour a god
- b) An ancient Roman coin
- c) Branch of a tree

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WHAT IS IT?

trident

- a) A three pronged weapon
- b) The tip of a spire on a building
- c) A bone in the human toe

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WHAT IS IT?

vertigo

- a) A book for writing laws
- b) A dizzy feeling
- c) A skin rash on the leg

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WHAT IS IT?

babka

- a) A Roman child
- b) A baby's toy rattle
- c) A type of coffee cake

WHAT IS IT?

akimbo

- a) Hands on hips, elbows bent
- b) A traditional Spanish dance
- c) A soldier's neck scarf

WHAT IS IT?

umlaut

- a) Two dots over a vowel in German
- b) Icelandic traditional sport
- c) Pacific home built on stilts

WHAT IS IT?

derecho

- a) Second highest female voice
- b) A soothing lip balm
- c) A severe windstorm

WHAT IS IT?

cantaloupe

- a) A South American dance
- b) A type of melon with scaly rind
- c) A type of brush for curling hair

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WHAT IS IT?

sojourn

- a) A short stay in a place
- b) An author who writes novels
- c) An insole for a shoe

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WHAT IS IT?

bailiwick

- a) Vehicle used on a farm
- b) Old-fashioned bedspread
- c) A bailiff's area of control

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WHAT IS IT?

monolith

- a) Leading cyclist in a race
- b) A single stone column
- c) Scottish purse for coins

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WHAT IS IT?

flotsam

- a) Hairstyle popular in '60s
- b) Wreckage of a ship
- c) A type of tyre for racing cars

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WHAT IS IT?

peewee

- a) A garden tool
- b) A child's tricycle
- c) Unkind name for a small person

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WHAT IS IT?

outfox

- a) Beat through cleverness
- b) Animal that lives outdoors
- c) Threaten to kill someone

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WHAT IS IT?

muumuu

- a) Variety of wild apple
- b) Type of goat's cheese
- c) Long loose-hanging dress

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WHAT IS IT?

haboob

- a) A nasty habit of nose picking
- b) A thick dust storm or sandstorm
- c) A dwelling in hot countries

WHAT IS IT?

moocher

- a) A type of double-bladed axe
- b) First litter of pups
- c) A person who sneaks around

WHAT IS IT?

dhoti

- a) Garment worn by Indian men
- b) Pet name for an infant child
- c) Ornamental thread for embroidery

WHAT IS IT?

compote

- a) Shoe worn by royal servants
- b) Material used for making hats
- c) Fruit stewed in a syrup

WHAT IS IT?

saute

- a) Jump over hurdles
- b) Type of peaked cap for men
- c) Cook gently in a pan

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WHAT IS IT?

kismet

- a) Your fate or destiny
- b) Specialised food for horses
- c) Type of migratory bird

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WHAT IS IT?

nabob

- a) Young of the woodpecker
- b) A very wealthy person
- c) Spool for holding thread

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WHAT IS IT?

bafflegab

- a) Hood on a military tunic
- b) Flower that grows in winter
- c) Confusing language

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WHAT IS IT?

yokel

- a) A type of spanner
- b) Unsophisticated person
- c) Group of singing birds

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WHAT IS IT?

brouhaha

- a) Excited public interest
- b) Method of cooking meat
- c) A type of wig for clowns

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WHAT IS IT?

contraband

- a) A secret jungle army
- b) Illegal goods imported
- c) South American orchestra

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WHAT IS IT?

succotash

- a) An unwanted Christmas gift
- b) Hair that grows on knuckles
- c) Dish of cooked corn and beans

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WHAT IS IT?

zydeco

- a) A type of Cajun dance
- b) Glass on a cinema screen
- c) Switch inside a remote control

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WHAT IS IT?

schiffli

- a) Two wires joined together
- b) A type of Italian vase
- c) Machine for embroidery

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WHAT IS IT?

bucolic

- a) Disease in early infancy
- b) Of or relating to shepherds
- c) Waste material from tractor

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WHAT IS IT?

harangue

- a) Red/orange gemstone
- b) Sponge cake for trifle
- c) A long, intense verbal attack

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WHAT IS IT?

cahoots

- a) A type of shoes worn by Inuits
- b) To be in partnership
- c) Board game from 1950s

WHAT IS IT?

treasurer

- a) One who finds valuables
- b) A very wealthy person
- c) Person in charge of money

WHAT IS IT?

idiom

- a) An expression or phrase
- b) A dislikeable male
- c) Alcoholic drink from Russia

WHAT IS IT?

didgeridoo

- a) Animal like a weasel
- b) Aboriginal musical instrument
- c) Spice from Peru

WHAT IS IT?

caterwaul

- a) Fur coat of a wild cat
- b) A binding agreement
- c) A long wailing shriek or cry

WHAT IS IT?

apogee

- a) The highest or most distant point
- b) Type of Native American tent
- c) Athlete from the Sahara

ANSWER KEY

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| 3. C | 23. C | 43. B |
| 4. B | 24. B | 44. C |
| 5. C | 25. B | 45. B |
| 6. C | 26. C | 46. C |
| 7. A | 27. A | 47. A |
| 8. C | 28. C | 48. B |
| 9. A | 29. B | 49. C |
| 10. B | 30. C | 50. A |
| 11. C | 31. A | |
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